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SUBJECT: LOS - BRITISH POLICY AND YOUNG ARTICLE ON
SOVIET USE OF OCEAN LAW

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1. EMBOFF MENTIONED ELIZABETH YOUNG'S ARTICLE IN
PASSING TO U.K. AMBASSADOR ARCULUS DURING CONVERSATION
ON OTHER MATTERS. ARCULUS WAS UNACQUAINTED WITH THE
SPECIFIC ARTICLE, BUT COMMENTED THAT YOUNG AND HER
HUSBAND, LORD KENNET, WERE WELL-KNOWN FOR THEIR COASTAL,
DEFENSE-ORIENTED VIEWS, AND THEIR OPPOSITION TO HMG'S
MORE MARITIME ORIENTATION AND CONCERN FOR FREEDOM OF
NAVIGATION. KENNET HAD POSED SERIES OF QUESTIONS IN

THE HOUSE OF LORDS WHICH MAKES CLEAR THEIR POINT OF
VIEW. HMG'S REPLIES, SAID ARCULUS, HAD STONEWALLED.
COMMENT: ARCULUS CLEARLY CONSIDERS YOUNG AND HER HUSBAND
TO BE A PAIR OF GADFLIES. EMBASSY SEES NO REASON TO
BELIEVE THAT THEY REFLECT OFFICIAL BRITISH THINKING, OR
ARE LIKELY TO BE THOUGHT TO. END COMMENT.

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2. COPIES OF KENNET'S PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS AND HMG'S
ANSWERS (FROM HANSARD OF FEBRUARY 1, 1978) BEING POUCHED
FOR ADDRESSEES' INFORMATION.

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